

REMARKS

Amendments to the claims

Claims 11, 15 and 23 have been canceled without prejudice. The language of claims 1 and 22 has been clarified. No new matter has been added.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112

Claims 11, 15 and 23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. Further, claims 1, 11, 15 and 22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention.

Claims 11, 15 and 23 have been canceled without prejudice and expressly reserving the right to present these claims in a future divisional or continuation application.

Claims 1 and 22 have been amended according to the suggestions of the Examiner by replacing the sentence "*wherein said rear channel is*" by "*wherein ^{said} each rear channel is*". Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the above rejection of claims 1 and 22.

Allowable subject matter

Claims 1, 9 and 22 stand allowable if amended to overcome the above rejection under 35 U.S.C 112, second paragraph. Applicants submit that claim 9 only stands rejected under 35 U.S.C 112, second paragraph, for being dependent on rejected claim 22, and that claims 1 and 22 have been amended to overcome the above rejection as per the suggestions of the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1, 9 and 22 are now in condition for allowance.

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In view of the above, Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for allowance and respectfully urge the Examiner to pass this case to issue.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required or credit overpayment to deposit account no. 12-0415. In particular, if this response is not timely filed, the Commissioner is authorized to treat this response as including a petition to extend the time period pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) requesting an extension of time of the number of months necessary to make this response timely filed and the petition fee due in connection therewith may be charged to deposit account no. 12-0415.

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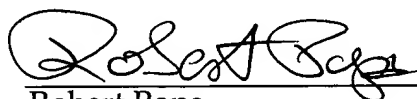


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